(b) whether it is also a fact that import of pulses rose from 11.56 worth crore of dollars to 18.1 crore dollars in 1933-94; and

(c) if so, the justification for export of pulses in the interest of Agricultural Product Export Development Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The export of pulses is permitted subject to a quantitative ceiling, with a view to afford better prices to the farmers and also to earn more foreign exchange.

Bringing Agricultural Land under Drip Irrigation

4881. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated targets for bringing agricultural land under drip irrigation in the country during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of hectares of land likely to be brought under drip irrigation in Madhya Pradesh during the said period; and

(d) the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government have planned to provide central assistance of Rs. 45.70 crores during 1995-96 to cover about 36256 hectares of land growing horticulture crops including oil polm under drip irrigation.

(c) Out of the above target, an area of 1800 hectares is proposed to be covered in Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96.

(d) The district-wise area to be covered under drp irrigation is not available.

Expenditure on Research and Development

4882. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for research and development of agriculture in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the details of the research being carried on in the different institutes in the country during the current year 1995-96; and

(c) the details thereof and its achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The amount spent for research and development of agriculture during the last 3 years in the country was Rs. 10939.30 crores and in the State of Punjab was Rs. 216.92 crores.

(b) and (c) The details of research being carried on in the different institutes in the country and also the achivements made are laid down on the Floor of Parliament every year through performance budget document of Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture.

Long Term Policy on R &D in Agriculture

4883. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any long term policy regardng research and development on agriculture in the country particularly in the State of Punjab.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?